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STATEMENT OF LUCIANO V. CONCEIÇÃO

Luciano V. Conceição, c/o November 12 Association, Lisbon, Porugal make this statement to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

I am a national of East Timor now living in Lisbon, Portugal. I am an active member of Resistência Nacional dos Estudantes de Timor Leste (Renetil), the national organisation of East Timor youth and students which peacefully opposes the integration of East Timor with Indonesia. At the time of the events described below I was responsible for monitoring, through a network of sourses on the ground, the careers and activities of members of the Indonesia Armed Forces, including the Indonesian National Police. As a result, I am familiar with the careers of Colonel M. Hindarto. This statement sets out my knowledge of their involvement in certain recent events.

COLONEL M. HINDARTO

He was Chief of Police of Nusa Tengara (Nusra), the region which includes East Timor, from 1992 to March 1993 with thr rank of Major General. When he was elected to this position, there were a series of human rights violation in East Timor which I'm going to describe as follow:

I) In the end of May, 1992, the police personnal in Lospalos-East Timor arrested Eduardo Amaral, 26 years old. He was accused of involvment in the demonstration of 12 November 1991 in Dili and of taking part in the cerimony of Fretilin's aniversary, 20th May, celebrated by the guerrilas in the mountains.
Eduardo was arrested without any warrant. He, therefore, questioned about it but two policemen hit him with their gun-stocks into his face, kicked and punched him severely. His hands were handcuffed behind him and he was brought to prison in the police headquarter in Lospalos. Eduardo was stripped naked during the interrogation for the first five(5) days in detention. As a consequence of not admiting the above mentioned accusation, he was tortured and burned his face and body with cigarette butts. He was detained or imprisoned without trial for 40 days. During his detainance he was repeteadely beaten and hit with bars of iron and gun-stocks. His head was the target consequently he is mad now.

II) In July 1992, in Iliomar, the sub-district of Lospalos police personel arrested a villager, João da Costa, 47 years old. He was accused of spy of Fretilin who support the guerrilas in the mountains with clothes and medicines. He was detained without trial in Iliomar for two months. During his detainance, he was severely punched, kicked and hit with stones and block of wood. He still bears the scars in his face and he has lost a number of his teeth.

III) In September 1992, in the village of Muapitine-Lospalos, the policemen arrested two youths. They were Inácio Pires and Hermenegildo Xavier of 20 and 22 years old respectively. They were suspected as Fretilin or guerrilas informants. They were detained for 20 days in Lospalos. They were brutaly kicked and punched during their detainance. Within 2-3 days they were given food once.

IV) Towards the end of November 1992, the police personel together with military arrested a number of youths in Dili soon or thereafter the arrest of the leader of the resistance, commander Xanana Gusmão. They were accused as members of the clandestine organisation, FITUN an organisation which is considered by the government of Jakarta as illegal. Those who were arrested. Among other:
1) Mário Mota of 26 years old was detained for three (3) months. He was brutally tortured. After being released he suffered violent bone-pain.

2) Luís Conceição of 24 years old was also imprisonned for three months. He was tortured and ill-treated during his imprisonment. He was released conditionally. He has to report regularly for six (6) months in the police headquarter in Dili.

3) Jerónimo of 27 years old was also detained for three months and report regularly for six (6) months in the police headquarter in Dili.

4) Rogério Borges of 25 years old was detained for two (2) months and after being released he has to report regularly to the police headquarter in Dili for three months.

5) Helder of 23 years old was arrested and detained for 40 days. After being released he has to report regularly for two (2) months.

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V) In mid-January 1993, in the village of Maina in the sub-district of Moro, the policemen together with the military arrested Rui António da Cruz of 27 years old. He is a member of RENETIL, the student clandestine organisation, and a post graduated student from the university of Udayana, Denpasar - Bali -. He was arrested when he has just come back from Bali to his home town. He was brought to Dili by helicopter and imprisoned for six (6) months without charge or trial, in the prison of police headquarter in Dili. He was arrested just because he kept information about human right violation at home. He was accused of bringing a sum of money from the NGO's abroad to support the clandestine activities. After being release, he was brougt back to Lospalos and has to report regularly to the district militar (Kodim) in Lospalos for ten (10) months.

Signed by me on the 10th August 1995, Lisbon-Portugal-

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